SMALL WHALES ARE PLENTIFUL IN NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS.

thousands of them, are getting out their tackle a final overhauling. and soon they will be off after all sorts of flany, swimming

things, from mountain trout to deep sea bass and bluefish. Some one has briefy brought out a guide book which points the way to nearly 150 fishing piaces about New York. These and many others as yet undiscovered by the general public will be fished and Then will come a new series of fish stories. It is so every methods long in use in Norway, and

ISHERMEN who live in is estimated that more than 700 will be New York, and there are caught this year. The Government regulates the industry, and the pro-fessional whale fishermen have to pay yearly license of \$1500 and limit

themselves to fifty miles of const."

According to reports from St. John's it is true that enormous schools of these leviathans have followed the caplin, a small fish like the sardine, of which whales are very fond, into these waters, and in six years the value of whaling products has increased from \$175 to \$125,000. The Newfoundland whalers have successfully adopted the



THEAD OF A WHALE CAUGHT IN NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS

year, and it is a poor fisherman in-deed who in the fishing months cannot assimilate enough stories to last him the rest of the year.

More than one New York man is likely to return from coming summer vacations with most unusual tales, for an entirely new fishing ground is to be exploited. Those who have discovered it are mot trying to keep it a secret, for the trip is a long one and the sort of fishing they have in view impossible to one who does not own a steam yacht.

"If you hear some chronic fisherman telling next fall how he caught a whale of a fish-say eighty feet long and weighing no end of tons," said a fish-ing taskle man to a Tribune reporter the other day, "be careful how you call him a liar. It may be true."
"An eighty foot fish," exclaimed the

"No man could hope to put down a story like that.'

"Yet I have sold fishing tackle this year to several men who hope to catch fish that size," he responded deliberately. "And I think they will be suc-

"They must be going whaling."
"That's just it," said the dealer. They own steam yachts, and they are



CUTTES UP A WHALE AT A NEWFOUND LAND WHARF.

going to cruise for whales for the fun of it. The tackle I sold them consisted of harpoon guns and fathoms of

"Do you mean to say that they are going on a whaling cruise to the Arc-tie?" exclaimed the visitor. "Why, tie?" exclaimed the visitor, man, that takes years."

the industry seems secure.

The old-time whaleman started from New Pedford in a bluff-bowed old sailer, and cruised in every ocean, esteeming himself fortunate if he got home again in two or three years. He fished with rowboats and harpooned his whales by hand, and the grim, often tragic realities of the business have been faithfully described by Dana and Bullen. The present-day whale-

steamer while she tries for another The factory ship is an inclined wharf running out under water, and by means of the huge bulk is gradually hauled up above high tide. The prize in position, the workmen begin to flense the carcass—i, e., to remove the blub ber. This is a mass of fat several inches thick lying between the skin and the flesh. Flensing with the old-time whalers was a most wasteful process, because it had to be done at sea, and much of the blubber was lost, besides which the remainder of the carcass was discarded as worth By the new process every pound of blubber is saved, the whole opera tion being performed on land and with the most modern appliances. As the great squares, or "blankets," of fat are removed, they are cut into smaller pieges by other men and packed into buckets on an inclined elevator which runs to the top of the factory, where the buckets unload automatically and their contents pass into a "mincer, which grinds up the fat, and it falls into steam-packed tanks, where the oil is rendered out, In whale ships this was termed "trying out," and the fur-nace on deck was fed with the scraps of blubber which were thought to be exhausted of oil. The whales are of four species—sulphur bottoms, humpbacks, finbacks and "sciehs," the latter backs, inducts and scient, the latter a Norwegian name for a small-sized whale as yet unclassed locally. The sulphur bottoms are the largest, some-times reaching ninety feet in length and being worth \$1200. The others are smaller, in the order named, the 'sciehs" running from twenty-five to thirty-five feet in length and figuring about \$200. Whale ment, especially that of the "sciehs," is very juley and tender, like beefsteak, and is freely eaten by the factory folk and others. The first year the industry was started there was a bad codfishery along the nearby coast, and as it relieved them of the need of towing the carcasses to sea the whalemen allowed all comers to take what they wanted of the meat. The result was that the fisherfolk came in boats from far and near and took away loads of it, which they salted down for their winter's use. To people whose diet consists almost entirely of codfish it was a welcome variety, the more especially as cod was scarce. Now, however, that the flesh is turned to profit also, this advantage

The clerks: "Barometer, 29,02; thermometer, 34; precipitation, .14; direction of the wind, north; cloudy; velocity of the wind, 12 miles; maximum temperature, 40,"

Each clerk has an outline map of the United States before him. The ob-servation stations are noted on the map with little circles. Underneath the map on which the clerk is working are maps on which the observations for days have been plotted.



Clerk No. 1 is putting down all the data; Clerk No. 2 takes the tempera-ture only, and before the next temperature is called has calculated and put down the figures representing the change from the previous observation and the difference from the normal. Clerk No. 3 is holding the barometer readings, and noting the variations from previous observations. No. 4 is noting, with little wriggles of red and blue pencil marks, the presence of clouds and their character. Clerk No. 5 is putting down figures in gross on a blank for the Associated Press, which will notify every city of the day's climatic conditions in every other

About this time, the forecast official, who sits sixth at the desk, begins to scribble furiously on a pad. He presses the first sheet with fervor into the hand of a waiting printer, and the craftsman shuttles off to his case logotypes. The making of the night forecast has begun.

Before nine o'clock the render has tumbled off his stool and announced



WEATHER-SYMBOL TYPE Tails IN PLACE.



TRANSLATING WEATHER REPORTS RECEIVED IN CIPHER, AND CHARTING THEM ON MAPS.

man starts out every morning after breakfast in a speedy little steamer. cruises about the inner banks, and is home again by nightfall with a fish or two which he has killed with a bomb fired from a small caunon on the ship's bow. There is no risk or romance about the pursuit now; angry whale splintering a boat with a blow of its flukes; no excitement of the chase, no towing of boats for miles. Everything is reduced down to a systematic basis, and the whaling skipper wears a uniform and smokes choice cigars.

The steamer and the factory are the features of the new enterprise which ensure its success. The ship chases the whales, and when near enough fires a shot at one. The projectile is re exclaimed the visitor. "Why, harpoon-shaped, pierces the whale's side and explodes within, the composition it contains tearing the animal's

no longer exists, but the visitor to the that the reports are all in. The forefactory can always count on a whale steak as a tidbit if he is desirous of making new experiments in gastronomy.-New York Tribune.

Will It Rain or Shine To-Morrow?

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That Way he Weather Forecast is Made at the Weather Bureau

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was an evening session. The matter in hand was to give to the United States, in its morning papers, a hint of the probable weather conditions of the ensuing day. The means were some smudged sheets of telegraph manifold, plus the sum of the experience of the United States Weather Bureau.

At five minutes before eight, morning and evening telegraph circuits are made up covering the United States and extending into Canada, so that there shall be, as far as conditions may allow, simultaneous transmission the reports of about one hundred and fifty weather observers to the Weather Bureau in Washington.

By the first quarter after eight, mes telegraph-room of the Weather Bureau that read, for example, like this, "Ta-fera lushberg beak baggy," At 8.30 exactly, five clerks are at a high desk which describes three sides of a parallelogram, and a sixth clerk perched at a separate high desk begins to drone figures and abbreviations with wonder-

ful rapidity and continuity.

"Nimedoo thirdfour teen rain north cloud," he says, and the clerks on the inside of the "hollow square" make the final translation thus:

"The telegraph." "The clerks of the says t

The telegraph: "Tafeta lushberg The reader: "Ninedoo thirdfour teen

caster stands before the combined map and delivers his dictum to Clerk No. 1, who is writing it out for the printer. Lines isotherm and lines isobar are racked to give up the secret of the weather for the next twenty-four hours. This is latter day necromancy for the benefit of some seventy millions of people who will read the prophecy to-morrow for overcoat and umbrella

directions. The clock ticks second by second toward that time when the forecaster must say what the weather for the next twenty-four hours will be. Section by section he goes over the country and apportions to each its mead of prophecy, while the logographs click in the printer's stick in the corner, crystallizing diviniation into news ten the forecast in all its subdivisions



MEASURING THE HEAT RECEIVED FROM THE SUN

thereafter the Associated Press has sent out a forecast of the weather for the following twenty-four or more hours from the printed slip furnished thy the bureau, and from which silp, printed and made permanent at 10.15 o'clock on the night before, the nation gets its day's weather wisdom.—Harper's Weekly.

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tie? They will sail up to the New- intestines in pieces and killing it alfoundiand coast, where the water is most instantly. The gas generated in this process helps to float the fish. whales oil factories have been started in five places along the coast, and it herd is still near, is towed after the rain north cloud twelfordy."